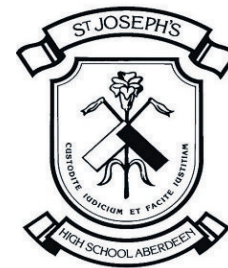


Secondary entry #9: St Joseph's High School Aberdeen



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GOURMET TIMES: Denman's Wine and Food Affair.

The biggest street party in Denman

By LACHLAN JANSSEN

THE annual Upper Hunter Wine and Food Affair was held on May 4 in Ogilvie Street, Denman.

The day-long festival was touted as the best street party in the Upper Hunter as Ogilvie Street was transformed into a festival area, with more than 40 stalls from gourmet producers across the Hunter.

Aberdeen local Claire Hirst said: "I liked the entertainment and the food was delicious".

Laura Joseph, of Denman, added: "The atmosphere was great and the rides entertained the children".

On the day, 2012 *MasterChef* winner Andy Allen made a guest appearance and gave a cooking demonstration. Local schools also held stalls to raise money for much-needed school equipment.

There was plenty of award-winning wines and locally made food, including Hunter Belle Cheese, which made its cheese on site.

Pukara Estate, an olive grove from Denman, presented its most delicious oils as well as a variety of olives for tasting and sale.

Denman business Tarcutta Espresso Bar and Bistro, which offers fantastic coffee and hand-made chocolates, welcomed the crowd while across the road, Carobs Cafe and the Royal Hotel provided an extensive range of food and beverages on its menu.

Street performers, jazz bands and carnival rides provided the entertainment.

By OLIVIA BUSHBY

ST JOSEPH'S High School Aberdeen has won a championship ribbon for the first time at The Sydney Royal Easter Show.

The team, consisting of 16 students from years 7-12 and two agriculture teachers, have returned from the show bearing prize ribbons and medals.

They left on March 17 and returned on March 22.

Most students had not competed at a major show and at the Sydney show they were up against some of the best in the state.

It was the culmination of a huge amount of extra-curricular work, involving breaking in, grooming and feeding the cattle from local producers.

The judge, Stumpy Carter, commented on the excellent knowledge that students had.

Agricultural teacher Lisa Bright noted that the team worked tirelessly together to keep the stall area clean and to get their animals looking their best for the ring.

"The second place in the herdsmen [best maintained team] com-



CHAMPIONS: Students and teachers of St Joseph's High School Aberdeen at Sydney's Royal Easter Show. Picture: Olivia Bushby

petition was a great testament to the team work and effort given by the team of students who attended," Ms Bright said.

"We get better each year."

St Joseph's won reserve champion at last year's Royal Easter Show and it was a nice surprise for the team to win champion steer.

The prize steer, Pumpkin, bred

by Greg and Leonie Ball, of Grenell, Singleton, was awarded first place after a long session in the ring.

Pumpkin was also awarded champion in the virtual taste test section and received a bronze medal.

Principal John Tobin commended students for their efforts.

"Having witnessed how the members of the group place high standards on themselves and dedicate themselves to weekend and after-school tasks, I am enormously proud of these staff and students and, of course, the parents who contribute significantly to the pursuits of their children," he said.

The winning students in the team included Monique Bailey, Riley Burgin, Mikaela Carter, Paul Casey, Jayden Hollis, Montana Kisi, Amy Parkinson, Brittany Parkinson, Lauren Parkinson, Mikaela Tilse, Lance Waters, Joshua Watson, Lucy Whitehead, Abbey Wicks, Victoria Wicks and Matilda Witt.

As well as the trade categories, several student also excelled in the paraders competition.



OUTPOST: Year 8 students at the annexe.

Picture: Rachel Wells

Students enjoy life at the annexe

By YAZMIN MARTIN

THROUGHOUT 2013, years 8 and 10 students of St Joseph's Aberdeen are completing their studies at the former St James Primary School site, due to an exciting building project being undertaken at the Aberdeen campus.

The students are enjoying their time at the St James annexe. There are no bells,

bigger classrooms, fewer students, a canteen, undercover seating and grassed areas and Muswellbrook students can even walk to and from school if they want to.

The year 8 co-ordinator, Mr Eccleston said: "I love the year 8 students, there's great staff and well-behaved kids and it is good to be in Muswellbrook for a change," when asked about the new arrangement.

Overall, the students are settling in well to their new school and seem to enjoy the quietness of a smaller environment.

Even though they still get to join the hustle and bustle of St Joseph's at least one full day a week, they feel very much a part of St Joseph's Aberdeen and know they will be back to a bigger and even better school in 2014.



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